

**53008. MALUS DOUMERI (Bois) Cheval. Malaceæ. Tonking apple.**

From Laos, Indo China. Seeds presented by R. Miéville, director, Station Agricole du Tranninh, Chieng Khuang, through M. Auguste Chevalier, Agronomie Coloniale, Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, Paris, France. Received April 25, 1921.

"An interesting wild apple native to the high plateaus of French Indo China, at altitudes of 800 to 2,000 meters (2,600 to 6,500 feet), notably on Langbian and the lesser mountain ranges. It is a large tree which produces fruits similar in form, flavor, and color to certain varieties of Normandy cider pears.

"Although the species grows in the open forest and is uncared for by the present mountaineers, it must have been cultivated and improved at some ancient time. There remain specimens cultivated as sacred trees around certain Laos pagodas; here the trees were cared for by priests." (*Chevalier*.)

**53009 to 53030. ASTER spp. Asteraceæ. Aster.**

From Elstree, Herts, England. Plants presented by Hon. Vicary Gibbs, Aldenham House Gardens. Received April 20, 1921.

**53009 to 53029. ASTER NOVI-BELGII L.**

**53009. *Belgian Queen*.** An excellent, much-branched, late-blooming variety 6½ feet high, with well-clothed flowering sprays which are very beautiful on the bush or in a vase. The flowers are rich blue-purple, and the disk keeps yellow, which is a valuable asset. (Adapted from *The Garden*, vol. 84, p. 610, and from *Country Life*, vol. 45, p. 376.)

**53010. *Bluecard*.** A light, graceful variety, 6 feet high, with pretty, soft-blue flowers. (Adapted from *The Garden*, vol. 84, p. 610, and from *Country Life*, vol. 45, p. 376.)

**53011. *Blue Gem*.** The bluest purple of any Michaelmas daisy known. (Adapted from *The Garden*, vol. 84, p. 610.)

**53012. *Blushing Bride*.** A variety with flowers of a very pale pink. (Adapted from *The Garden*, vol. 84, p. 610.)

**53013. *Brightest and Best*.** A very effective variety 4 feet high, with a remarkably handsome habit and magenta flowers. (Adapted from *The Garden*, vol. 84, p. 610, and from *Country Life*, vol. 45, p. 376.)

**53014. *Brussels*.** Reported as a variety of good habit and vigorous constitution, which reaches a height of 4 feet and bears enormous, single, pale-lavender flowers in graceful sprays.

**53015. *Captain Fryatt*.** Said to be one of the best of the pale mauves, 4½ feet high, of free growth and excellent for cutting.

**53016. *Climax*.** A beautiful new variety said to be 5 feet high, with large lavender flowers 2 inches across.

**53017. *General Leman*.** A variety with flowers of the purest deep rose without any blue in it. This color is superb under artificial light. (Adapted from *The Garden*, vol. 84, p. 610.)

**53018. *Ghent*.** Reported as a fine pale-pink variety.

**53019. "*Joan Vaughan*.** A new seedling aster." (*Gibbs*.)

**53020. *Liege*.** A good light-pink variety, very free flowering.

**53021. *Malines*.** A blue-flowered variety of great merit. (Adapted from *Country Life*, vol. 45, p. 376.)

**53022. *Mons*.** A most distinct and remarkably beautiful variety, 3 to 4 feet high, forming sharply rounded bushes completely covered with deep-pink single flowers which all open at the same time. This fine, healthy, sturdy variety is fairly early and has a long flowering period. The color is superb under artificial light. (Adapted from *Gardeners' Chronicle*, vol. 68, p. 285, and from *The Garden*, vol. 84, p. 610.)

**53023. "*Namur*.** A new seedling aster." (*Gibbs*.)